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Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Because the present enactment does not provide for compulsion of management or other party to appear before conciliation officers and that is why many of these managements are truculent and refractory when disputes are sent for conciliation proceedings, will the Government pass some legislation by which conciliation could be more successfully and effectively effected by more coercive pressure being made available at the hands of the labour officer by which he can compel the management to attend the conciliation proceedings and talk it over the table whether they agree to it or not? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am glad that the hon. Member being himself a lawyer appreciates the position. I would also put it to him to make a specific proposal so that I may examine it in consultation with the Government of India."

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Sir, it was specifically put to the Hon. Minister that the Conciliation Officer had called upon the other party to attend the conciliation proceedings when the lock-out took place. Does the Hon. Minister deny that fact? He has not stated whether that statement is true or not." 11-30 a.m.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, my answer was that there was no conciliation."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have got any general policy to tackle the unemployment problem created by such illegal closures by the management and if there is no such policy, will the Government be pleased to ban such illegal closures of the factory so as to prevent the unemployment of workers? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir, for answering this supplementary question."

Sri P. RAMAMURTHI :—" தொழிற்சாலையை மூடிவிட்டால் ஒரு மாதச் சம்பளமும், அதற்குமேல் ஒவ்வொரு வருஷ சர்வீசுக்கும் அரை மாதச் சம்பளம் வீதம் ' Gratuity-யும் ' கொடுக்கவேண்டுமென்ற சட்டம் இருந்தபோதிலும்கூட, அதை முதலாளிகள் ' கொடுக்கமாட்டேன் ' என்று சொன்னால், அதற்கு ஒவ்வொரு தொழிலாளியும் தனித் தனியாக விண்ணப்பம் போடவேண்டுமென்றிருக்கக்கூடிய சட்டத்தை மாற்றி, சர்க்காரே நேரடியாக நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பதற்கான வகையில் அதைத் திருத்துவதற்கு சென்னை சர்க்கார் இந்திய சர்க்காருக்கு யோசனை சொல்ல முன்வருமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I shall examine that suggestion, Sir."

Irrigation schemes for South Kanara district.

* 1174 *Q.*—Sri T. ANANTA PAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the irrigation schemes proposed to be taken up in South Kanara district in 1954–55; and

(*b*) the expected total capital outlay on them?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) Twenty-one.

" (b) Rs. 21,17,319."

SRI T. ANANTA PAI :—" Sir, in spite of the fact that a number of schemes were investigated in South Kanara during the course of the last four or five years and in view of the peculiar physical features of the district, it has been found that the irrigation schemes might not come up to the expectation of the Government so far as the return is concerned. May I request the Government to consider the case of South Kanara district a little more sympathetically, not taking into consideration the mere question of return on the schemes? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" That is why, Sir, we have got schemes to the tune of Rs. 21,17,319 and as far as possible we have been bestowing the best part of our attention on this district since it is a backward district."

Water-supply to Fort Cochin town.

* 1175 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Municipality in Fort Cochin had submitted any proposal or scheme for water-supply to the town; and

(b) whether any investigation has been made and the results thereof?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The Fort Cochin Municipal Council had suggested that the investigation of the possibilities of developing a water-supply to the town from artesian wells or of developing some other effective and independent water-supply scheme should receive immediate consideration by the Government.

" (b) Developing a supply from artesian wells had been investigated even in 1913–15, but was found to be an absolute failure and was given up. The question of developing a supply independent of the Travancore-Cochin Government's Chowwera Water-supply Scheme is under the active consideration of the Government."

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, may I know whether after 1913–15, any investigation was made all these years and if so, the result of such investigation? Will there be any supply in the near future? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, an independent scheme has been formulated by the Engineers concerned to get water from the Alwaye river source at a cost of Rs. 23 lakhs. This proposal is under examination."